

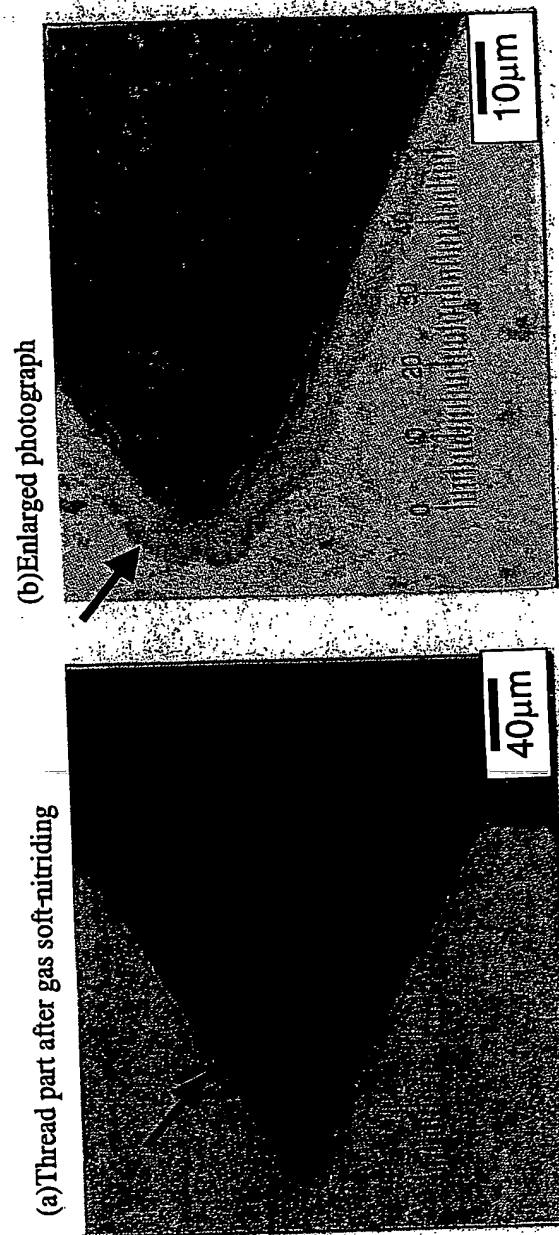
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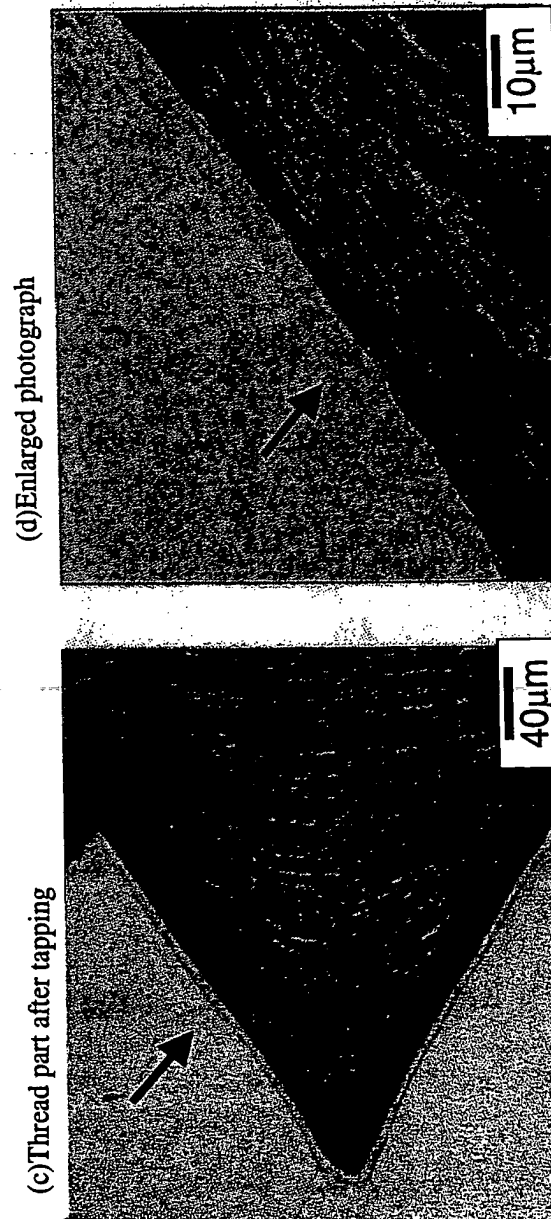
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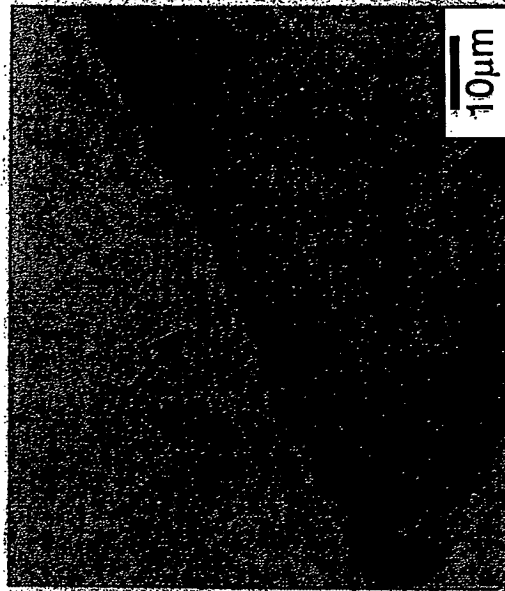
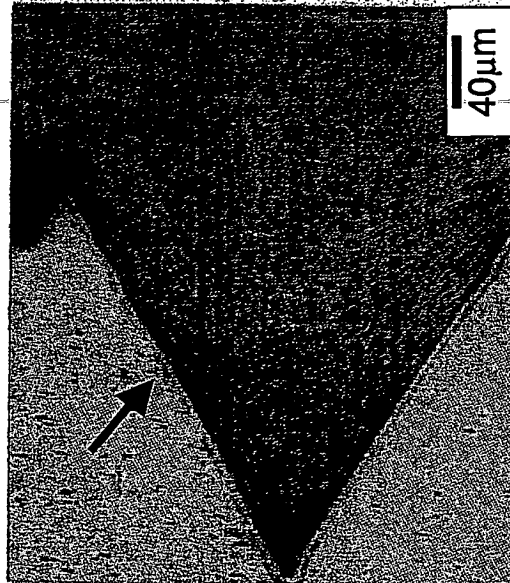
Fig. 2**(b) Enlarged photograph****(a) Thread part after gas soft-nitriding**

Fig. 2

(d) Enlarged photograph



(c) Thread part after tapping

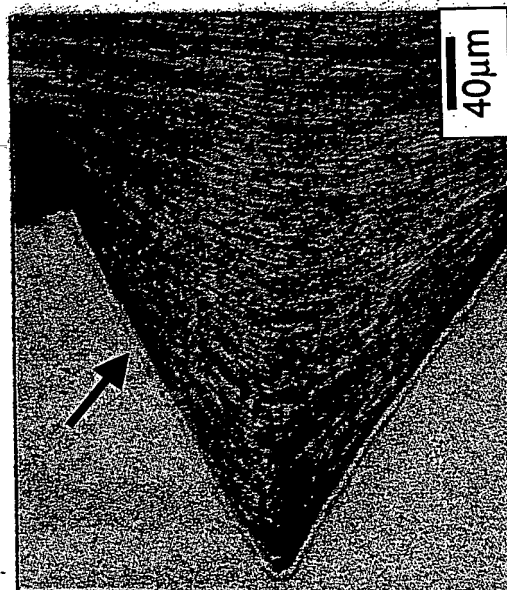
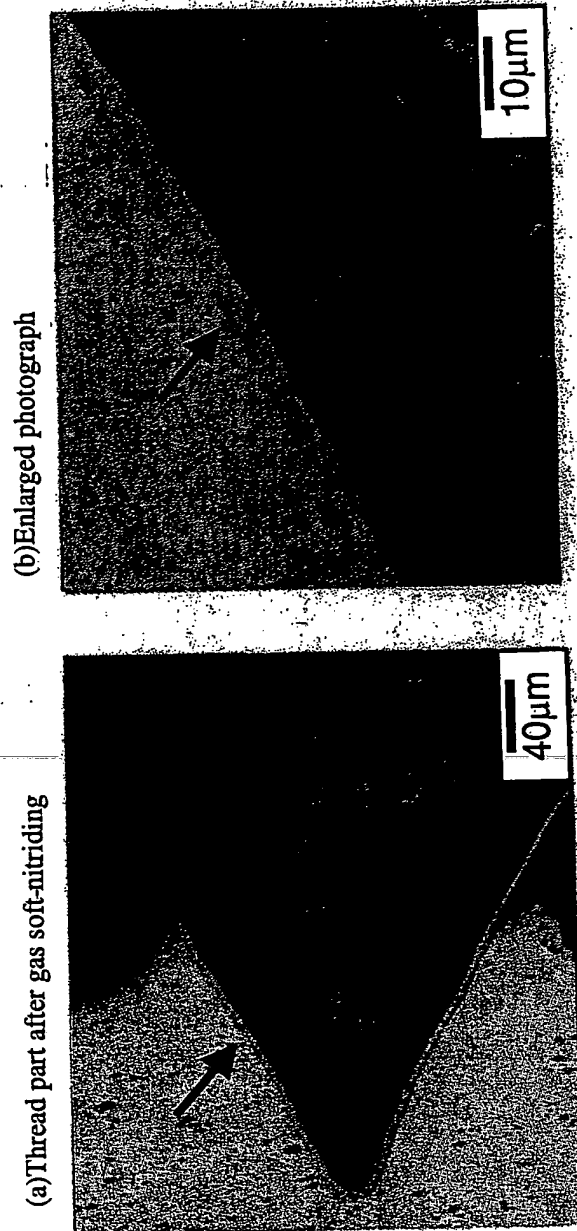
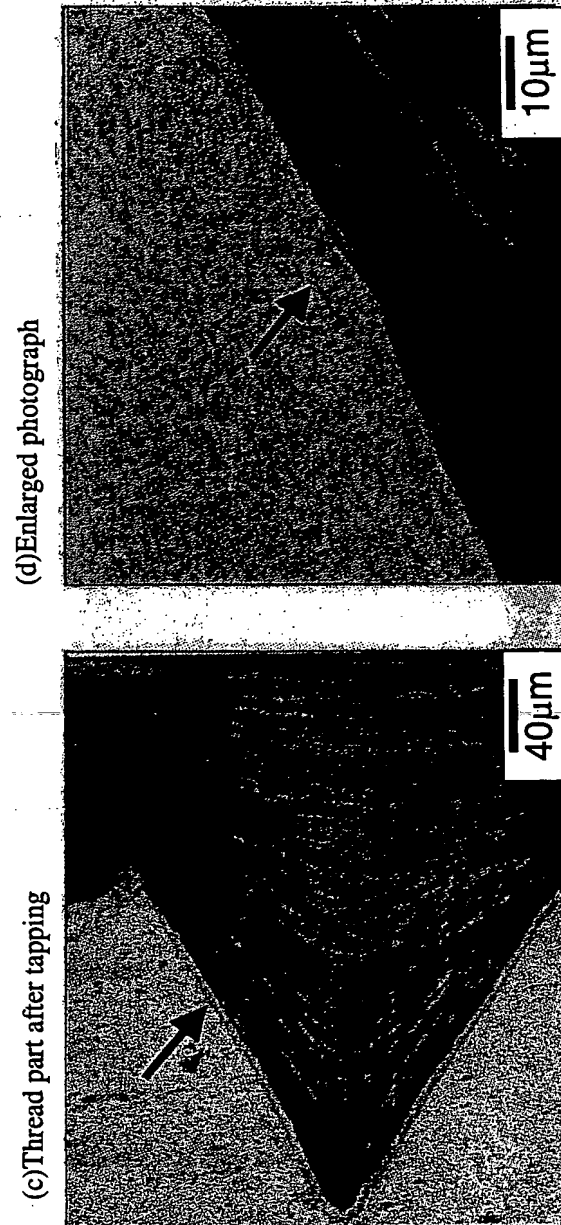


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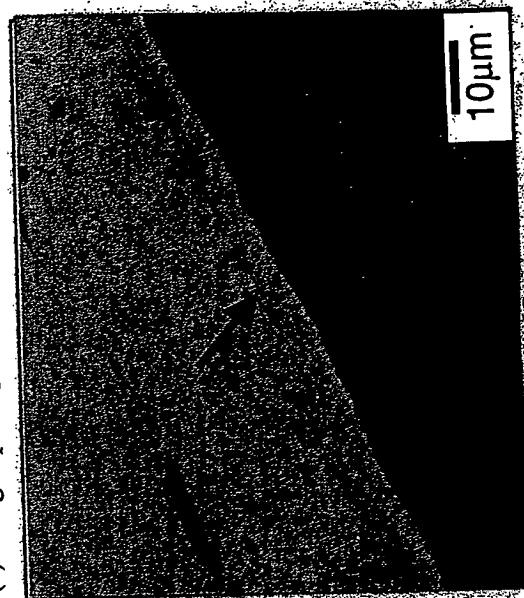
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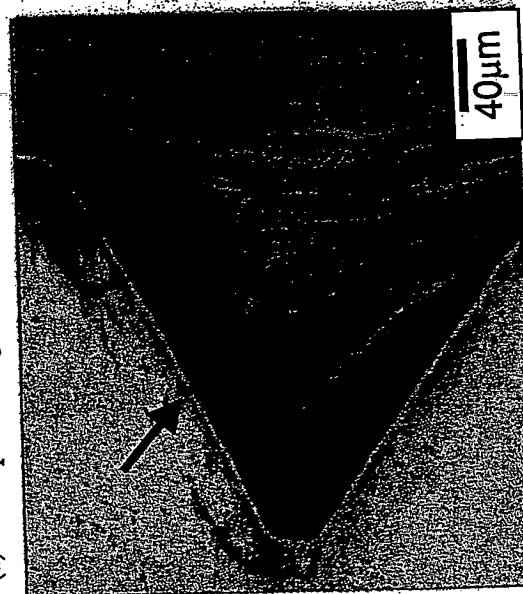
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Fig. 4

(b) Enlarged photograph



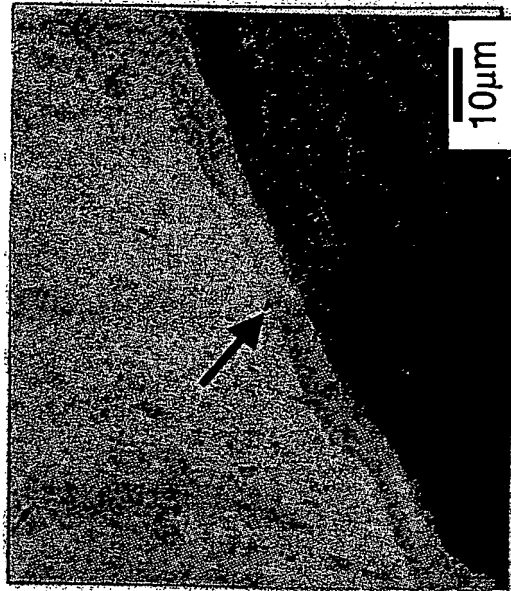
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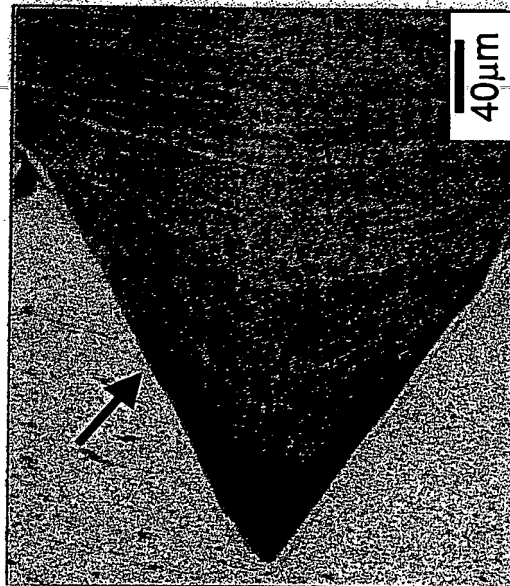
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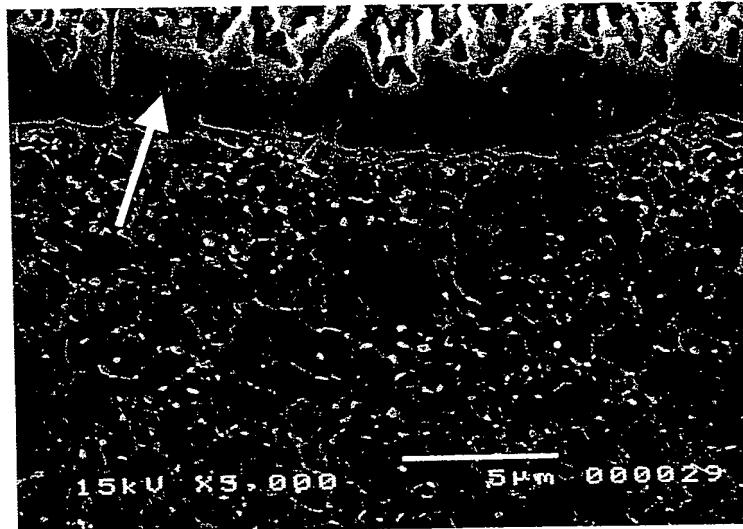
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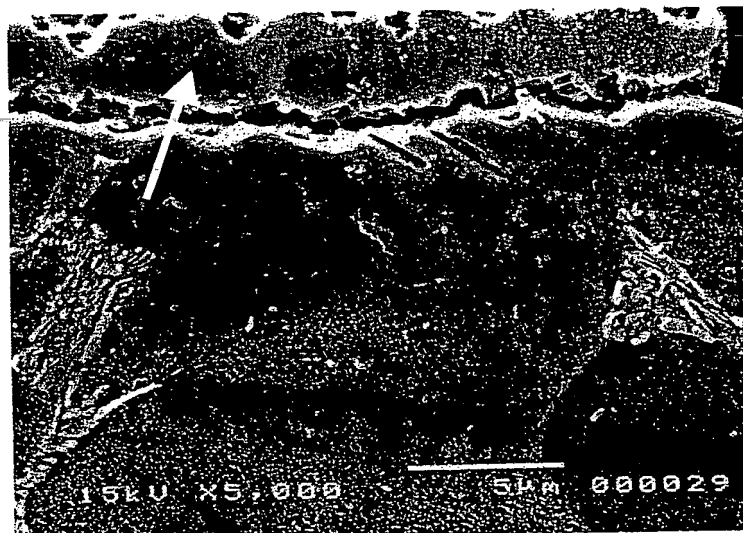
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Fig. 5

(a) Example 1



(b) Comparative example 1

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